



**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST**

**MCJA Fall
Conference**

Save the Date!

April 25, 2012

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President's Message—A New Year



**John R. Nattans, M.C.
MCJA President**

Dear Members and Other
Colleagues:

As I begin my term as MCJA President, I would like to thank the immediate past President, Trish Schupple and the previous Board (Steve Berry, Suzy Malagari, Melinda Grenier, Terry Satterfield, Jane Sachs, Mark Radcliff and Dawn Pearson) for their dedication and leadership. MCJA continues to have great attendance at our Spring and Fall conferences; we represent the organization's interests at ACA and as a part of the Correctional Training Commission; we provide support to other like minded organizations (e.g.,

MCAA); donate to and participate in charitable events (e.g., Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge) and are always looking for ways to strengthen the organization.

My leadership style is based upon having a clear mission, encouraging robust discussions from many points of view, building consensus, making decisions, assessing outcomes and moving forward. My goal as president is to increase membership, educate people about the benefits of being a member of ACA/MCJA and most importantly to expand the opportunities for networking, professional development and scholarships offered to the members of the Maryland Criminal Justice Association. Please join me in welcoming our new Board (Renea Somerville, Suzy Malagari,

Trish Schupple, Melinda Grenier, Terry Satterfield, Jane Sachs, Mark Radcliff, Dawn Pearson, Steve Berry and Patricia Alderman). MCJA is fortunate to have such a talented and dedicated group of individuals serving our interests.

We encourage each of our members to become active and please let us know if you have suggestions, ideas, feedback or comments. There are always opportunities for us to improve, but it can only be accomplished through your participation. Lastly, I challenge each member to find at least two others who could benefit from our organization and let's work together to make them a part of our team. I have included an essential excerpt from our Constitution, "Article III – Purposes and Objectives" in order to keep us mindful of our mission as we move forward into the New Year.

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Professional Development and Training Committee



Terry Satterfield
Professional Development Chair

MCJA Sponsors Scholarships!

Dedication to Learning

Our Association has its member's best interest at heart and we are all about providing opportunities for education and professional development.

Again this year, MCJA has donated money to the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association's (MCAA) Scholarship Fund. This means that you or a member of your family or your agency may be eligible for funds to attend college or have staff attend a training program. The application process is simple and the deadline will be here before you know it. Get a head start. Go to www.mdle.net Click on the tab for Maryland Correctional Administrators Association then on Scholarships. This year's deadlines will be

posted shortly but you can familiarize yourself with the process. Read the Frequently Asked Questions, start writing your essay, and find out who in your Agency is an MCAA member. If you have questions contact someone on the MCAA Scholarship Committee or me at tsatterfield@dpscs.state.md.us Don't miss this golden opportunity especially in these tough economic times. Takes advantage of this MCJA sponsorship. We are doing this for you our members.

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Maryland Correctional
Administrators Association
Scholarship/Grants Awarded
2011

- Marsha Maloff, Baltimore County DOC (Grant);
- Ashley Vogan (Dependant) Hanover, PA(Scholarship);

- Tanya Jackson , Harford County DOC (Scholarship);
- Kenya Savoy, Baltimore County DOC (Scholarship);
- Alexandre Mentzell (Dependant), Shrewsbury, PA (Scholarship);
- Tiara Bland (Dependant), Pikesville, MD (Scholarship);
- Taliah Brooks, Baltimore County DOC (Scholarship);
- Steve Mills (Dependant), Cambridge, MD (Scholarship);
- Kimberly McCamey, Baltimore County DOC (Scholarship);
- Keri Reichar (Dependant), Fallston, MD (Scholarship);
- David Pratt Sr., Queen Anne's County DOC (Scholarship);
- Jeremy Rebert, Carroll

**“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten”
B.F Skinner**

MCJA Fall Conference



**Melinda
Grenier**

**President
Elect and
(Former)
Conference
Committee
Chair**

The Maryland Criminal Justice Association experienced a very successful Fall conference at the Holiday Inn – Oceanfront from September 26th to the 28th. Sessions were well attended and received overall excellent evaluation ratings.

The MD Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC) administered tests resulting in accredited training hours for attendees. There were 87 registrants, which surpassed our expectations considering the challenging economic times. We owe a great deal of thanks to the Prince George's Correctional Officer Association and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for sending

large contingencies, the MPCTC for sponsoring a grant and the generosity of our vendors!

The conference theme was "The Future of Corrections: Creating Our Vision-Part II". Sessions included: "Deadly Encounters, A case Study of C.O. Wroten's Murder", presented by Mark Radcliff; and "Health, Fitness, and Nutrition", presented by Len Taylor.

In addition to successful conference sessions, we had a profitable Silent Auction that raised over \$1000 for Special Olympics and the MCJA scholarship fund. The welcome reception on Sunday evening included delicious snacks and an opportunity for networking. The conference wrap-up brought many fun prize drawings for those in attendance.

We are always looking for new session ideas and welcome participation on the planning committee. Please feel free to contact Patricia Schupple (2012-2013 Conference

Chair) if you have any questions or would like to participate in future conferences at: PSchupple@howardcountymd.gov or 410-313-5204.

Be sure to attend our Spring conference in 2012 – details forthcoming! Thanks to everyone who supported our conference!!!

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If your interested in attending any of our meetings, please contact any of the officers or committee chairs which are listed on page 8 of the Nexus. We also currently have an opening to serve as the Committee Chair for our Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

Presidents Message-Continued

The purposes and objectives of the MCJA are as follows:

1. To provide a professional association of persons, agencies and organizations, both public and private, who hold in common professions in criminal justice and make contributions to enhance those professions.
2. To encourage enrollment of persons, agencies and organizations, whose areas of interest, expertise and concern have commonality within criminal justice fields and whose goals and principles are consistent with the MCJA.
3. To establish a Mission and promulgate and promote policies consistent with this Constitution and its By-laws.
4. To publish and distribute varied information in several media formats.
5. To conduct and/or sponsor training conferences and meetings.
6. To promote networking of public and private agencies, and individuals engaged in the criminal justice profession and closely related fields.



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7. To promulgate and promote a code of ethics applicable to its members.

8. To recognize professional development by awarding scholarships to universities, higher education, workshops, or other professional organizations for students in the criminal justice curricula.

9. To develop and maintain collaborative relationships with national associations and agencies for mutual assistance and the exchange of ideas and information.

10. To promote ACA and Maryland standards relating to services, facilities and management within the criminal justice fields.

11. To review, periodically, legislative and statutory matters being considered before the state legislature and courts respectively, relating to the fields of criminal justice to include but not limited to corrections, parole and probation, court services law enforcement, and juvenile justice services for the purpose of educating the membership.

12. To support the goals and objectives of the American Correctional Association.

As we move through the Holiday Season and embrace the New Year, I am thankful for the opportunities of the past, proud of our work in the present and committed to the possibilities of the future. Wishing you the blessings of warmth, happiness, and health that extend through this season and throughout 2012.

MCJA Fall Conference Photos



Resources Committee



Mark Radcliff
Resources Committee Chair

The MCJA is appreciative of the generous support that vendors have provided in the past for our training initiatives. This support is passed directly to our members. It allows us to provide professional conferences that are relevant yet affordable in these difficult economic times.

We are continuing to look for ways to expand Sponsor support and are delighted at the response we have received. Our list of sponsors continues to grow.

Thank you to our 2011 Fall Conference Sponsors:

- ◆ Correct Rx Pharmacy
- ◆ Ensco MicroSearch
- ◆ Timekeeping Systems
- ◆ Elmridge Protection Products
- ◆ FileOnQ Law Enforcement
- ◆ US C-SOG
- ◆ ConMed
- ◆ Crime Scene Clean Up

If you or if you know of an agency that is interested in making a donation to the MCJA please contact our Resources Committee Chairperson, Mark Radcliff at mwradcliff@dpscs.state.md.us or (410) 875-3509

MCJA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization is the State chapter affiliate of the American Correctional Association and is comprised of practitioners from line staff to executive level criminal justice professionals throughout State and local correctional programs.

Communications Committee



Steven E. Berry
Communications Committee Chair

I am pleased to be nominated by our President as the Communications Committee Chair for the next two years. After spending the last two years as the MCJA Treasurer, I got to see up close how dedicated the Board and Committee Chairs are in elevat-

ing MCJA as an association. Every decision made, or action taken by this group of professionals is done so with one thing in mind, the membership they serve.

I want to take a brief moment and join those who have thanked Trisch Schupple for her leadership as our President for the past two years. During her term MCJA was able to offer numerous quality programs and conferences during increasingly difficult fiscal challenges, while at the same time insuring our association remained financially sound. I am quite sure under our new Presi-

dents term, John and his new officers will also continue to insure MCJA remains one of the top associations within our discipline.

We are focused on expanding our membership. Our success will be dependent upon our ability to accurately identify and communicate the benefits of our professional organization. As always, if you have ideas for items to be placed in our newsletter, please feel free to contact me, seberry@dhmh.state.md.us



Renea Somerville
MCJA Treasurer



Suzy Malagari
MCJA Secretary

Vacant Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chair

Membership Update



Jane Sachs
Membership
Committee
Chair

The Maryland MCJA membership numbers shows a significant increase as our November 2011 data demonstrates that we have grown by 17 new members since our last report:

- Active members – 268
- Lapsed members – 6
- New members – 1
- Renewed members – 12

Visit MCJA on-line at
<http://www.mdle.net/mcja/>



The Maryland Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) Plunge Team—The Mavericks

Will the “Mavericks” do it again????

No Excuses

Join OUR MCJA Plunge Team

**16th Annual MSP Polar Bear Plunge
January 28, 2012**

MCJA - Board of Directors



Pictured from left to right: Renea Somerville, Jane Sachs, Melinda Grenier, John Nattans, Mark Radcliff, Lamonte Cooke (Warden, Queen Anne's County Detention Center), Terry Satterfield, Suzy Malagari, and Trish Schupple,

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